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Atomic Training Lecture

1. [REDACTED] unit received a one-hour lecture on atomic training. The lecture was very general and mostly covered the dangers of the A-bomb.
2. The instructor, either the battalion CO or chief of staff, had three illustrations posted on the wall as training aids. [REDACTED] they were made locally. One showed a circular wound on the human body, or on parts of it, showing the effects of radiation. The second, [REDACTED] showed an A-bomb burst, while the third illustration was a sketch representing the chain reaction of the A-bomb. [REDACTED] description of the posters was very uncertain, but he stated that he did not pay too much attention during the lectures. He was not able to make sketches of the training aids.
3. In concluding the lecture, the instructor mentioned ways of hiding in holes and behind objects to escape the effects of radiation.
4. Further interrogation on the lecture proved fruitless, [REDACTED] could not remember any more about it.

Proposed A-Bomb Shelter

5. [REDACTED] soldiers from the companies of the 10th Sep. Guard Bn. began digging a trench in the battalion compound about 15 m. south of battalion headquarters and parallel to the road in front of battalion headquarters. The trench was about 15 m. long, 1 to 1 1/2 m. wide, and about 2 m. deep. The dirt was thrown to one side and was not being removed. There were no building materials in the vicinity of the trench.

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- 50X1 6. While seeking a detail of men to help unload bread which he had brought from the group bakery, [REDACTED] a few of the men 50X1 digging the trench. [REDACTED] one of the men what they were doing and was told that they were digging a trench as a demonstration area for A-bomb defense. [REDACTED] the soldier was serious about the information.
- 50X1 7. Normally, the digging was supervised by an officer from the company which was providing the workers. Occasionally an officer from battalion headquarters would stop to look at the trench. There 50X1 seemed to be no hurry in the work. [REDACTED] 50X1 [REDACTED]

Other Information

- 50X1 8. [REDACTED] nothing more concerning atomic training. 50X1 [REDACTED] atomic training publications, additional lectures or training, or of the existence of atomic weapons other than the A-bomb. The A-bomb, itself, was discussed only in very general theory.

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